

# Summer Opportunity for Academic Reading (S.O.A.R.)

## Third Grade Book List (2009 Edition)

**20 Hungry Piggies.** Harris, T.

The wolf from "The Three Little Pigs" shows up at a party attended by lots of piggies, but his plans for dinner are disrupted by the pigs from "This Little Piggy Went to Market."

**Amber Brown Goes Fourth.** Danziger, P.

Entering fourth grade, Amber faces some changes in her life as her best friend moves away and her parents divorce.

**Annabel the Actress Starring in Camping It Up.** Conford, E.

Annabel dreams of becoming a famous actress, so when the camp holds auditions for the yearly play, Annabel tries out for a big part, but she soon learns there is more to life than fame and fortune.

**Annabel the Actress Starring in Hound of the Barkervilles.** Conford, E.

Annabel is offered a part in a real play; however, she is less than excited about her canine costar, pink bunny pajama costume, and heckles from her arch enemy, Lowell Boxer.

**Arithme-tickle : An Even Number of Odd Riddle-Rhymes.** Lewis, J.

Rhyming text and illustrations present a variety of math problems.

**Arthur and the Lost Diary.** Krensky, S.

Arthur finds Sue Ellen's lost diary and is tempted to read it before returning it.

**Arthur and the Scare-Your-Pants-Off Club.** Krensky, S.

Arthur and his friends can hardly wait for the latest Scare-Your-Pants-Off Club book to arrive at the library, but when they find the popular series has been banned, they decide they have to take action to get their books back.

**Catch That Pass!** Christopher, M.

Everyone knows Jim will be the star linebacker on the team if he can only conquer his fear of being tackled, but it takes a boy in a wheelchair to teach him that kind of courage.

**Dactyls! : Dragons of the Air.** Bakker, R.

Describes the winged, flying dinosaur known as the Pterodactyl, discussing its body, eating habits, environment, and fossil remains.

**Dear Mrs. LaRue : Letters From Obedience School.** Teague, M.

Gertrude LaRue receives typewritten and paw-written letters from her dog Ike, entreating her to let him leave the Igor Brotweiler Canine Academy and come back home.

**Detective LaRue : Letters From the Investigation.** Teague, M.

While on vacation, Mrs. LaRue receives letters from her dog Ike who has been falsely accused of harming the neighbor's cats and is trying to clear his name.

**Don't Count on Dracula.** Greenburg, D.

Ten-year-old Zack gets a chance to meet the old horror film star Count Bugosi, who may or may not be a real vampire.

**Dusty Locks and the Three Bears.** Lowell, S.

A Western-style retelling of the traditional tale about a little girl who finds the house of bear family and makes herself at home.

**Eoin Colfer's Legend of-- Spud Murphy.** Colfer, E.

When their mother starts dropping them off at the library several afternoons a week, nine-year-old William and his brother dread boredom and the overbearing librarian, but they are surprised at how things turn out.

**The Gadget War.** Duffey, B.

Kelly is an ingenious inventor with 43 inventions to her credit and she is only in third grade. Then she meets Albert and he is determined to prove that he is the real gadget wiz.

**The Horned Toad Prince.** Hopkins, J.

In this retelling of "The Frog Prince," a spunky cowgirl loses her new sombrero and is helped by a horned toad on the understanding that she will do three small favors for him.

**Jake Drake, Class Clown.** Clements, A.

Jake acts like a class clown in order to cheer his teacher up.

**LaRue for Mayor : Letters From the Campaign Trail.** Teague, M.

Mrs. LaRue's dog, Ike, decides to run for mayor of Snort City after realizing the front-runner, Chief Bugwort, wants to enforce leash, curfew, and other laws for dogs.

**The Last Day of School.** Borden, L.

Matthew Perez, the official timekeeper of Mrs. Mallory's third-grade class, has a special good-bye gift for her on the last day of school.

**Math Fables Too : Making Science Count.** Tang, G.

Fables about ocean, jungle, desert, and lake animals teach about number groupings and counting, laying the groundwork for addition.

**Nacho and Lolita.** Ryan, P.

A very rare pitacohi bird falls in love with a swallow and plucks his colorful feathers to transform dry, barren San Juan Capistrano into a haven of flowers and flowing water, which the swallows can easily find when returning from their annual migration.

**The Napping House.** Wood, A.

In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion, with just one bite.

**The Phantom at Eve's Hollow (Joe Sherlock Kid Detective).** Keane, D.

**Quarterback Sneak.** Maddox, J.

Anton loves to play football until Malik, the new quarterback, begins to show off and the team starts to lose.

**Roy Makes a Car.** Lyons, M.

Florida mechanic Roy Tyle lives up to his slogan, "If Roy can't build it, nobody can," by building a series of increasingly fantastic automobiles. Based on a tall-tale collected by African-American writer Zora Neale Hurston.

**Salt In his shoes : Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream.** Jordan, D.

A young Michael Jordan puts salt in his shoes, hoping it will help him grow tall enough to become a famous basketball player.

**Thunder Cake.** Polacco, P.

A grandmother helps her granddaughter get over her fear of thunderstorms by getting her to help bake a thunder cake.

**Treetop Trauma.** Lawrie, R.

Slam Duncan and his mountain biking Chain Gang stage a hunger strike to save their racing hill from developers, hoping their appetite for biking will outweigh their appetite for cheeseburgers and French fries.

**You Can, Toucan, Math : Word Problem-solving Fun.** Adler, D.

A collection of bird-themed number riddles that may be solved using addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division.